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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS SO AU
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE AUSTRIAN ARMS SALE TO SOMALIA

REF: STATE 223933

POLOFF PAID CALL ON AUSTRIAN CHARGE SEPTEMBER 8 AND GAVE HIM JOHN VINCENT'S NAME PER REF SUGGESTION. CHARGE APPRECIATED THIS INFORMATION. HOWEVER, HE HAD ALREADY REPLIED TO HIS GOVERNMENT THAT GIVEN CONTINUED SOMALI INVOLVEMENT IN OGADEN, HE BELIEVED SOMALIA ASSURANCES NOT TO PROVIDE OGADEN INSURGENTS WITH WEAPONS SOLD BY AUSTRIAN FIRM WERE NOT CREDIBLE. HE RECOMMENDED AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT DECIDE NOT TO GO THROUGH WITH WEAPONS SALE. HIS RESPONSE WAS BASED ON CONSULTATIONS WITH FRG AND FRENCH EMBASSIES AS WELL AS WITH U.S. INTERESTINGLY, HE WAS ESPECIALLY IMPRESSED BY FRANK, IF INJUDICIOUS, CONFIRMATION FROM UNIDENTIFIED SOMALI EMBASSY OFFICER THAT AUSTRIAN WEAPONS WOULD PROBABLY WIND UP IN OGADEN. CHARGE NOT AWARE OF ULTIMATE DISPOSITION OF ISSUE BUT BELIEVES IT LIKELY HIS GOVERNMENT WILL REACH NEGATIVE DECISION. MATTHEWS

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